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Bi-Yu Li *et al.*

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Quantitative Measure of Nucleic Acid
Fragments

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 27, 2004, please enter the following amendments and take into considerations the remarks. Submitted herewith is a Petition for an Extension of time for 2 months from April 27, 2004 up to and including June 28, 2004 (June 27, 2004 being a Sunday) and fee by credit card.

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